

Safeguarding Adult Reviews

The Care Act 2014 requires Safeguarding Adults Boards to arrange Safeguarding Adults Reviews (previously known as Serious Case Reviews) if there are concerns that agencies could have worked more effectively to protect an adult from serious harm or abuse; whether the adult has died or not.

The purpose of a Safeguarding Adults review is not to reinvestigate or apportion blame but to establish whether lessons can be learnt from the circumstances of a case that may improve practice or the way in which agencies and professionals work together to safeguard vulnerable adults.

The focus of serious case reviews, in line with both multi-agency policy and national guidance is to:

- Learn from past experiences and the specific event examined.
- Improve future practice and outcomes by acting on learning identified by the review. Dudley Adult Safeguard Board will develop an Action Plan for Board Partners when a Safeguarding Adults Review has been completed.
- Improve multi-agency working and compliance with any other multi-agency or single agency procedures, including regulated care services.